



Citizen Connection

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Fall/Winter 2012

Greetings from the Mayor and Staff ~

We hope this letter finds you enjoying the beautiful fall season. As the leaves begin to change and the calendar year comes to a close, with it comes a time for reflection. I, along with the staff, look back on the last several months and am very pleased with the numerous accomplishments throughout the City.

To better serve our citizens, we have worked diligently to insure the successful completion of several Capital projects. You will see the new sidewalks, curbing and roadbed along Lewis Lane/Rt. 40 and new paving along Giles Street. Also, the storm drain at Jerry Foster Way has been replaced. Thank you so much for your patience as the work was being completed.

In addition to the Capital projects, water main valves have been replaced on Union Avenue, St. John Street, Bloomsbury Avenue, Green Street, Otsego Street, Jerry Foster Way, Concove Way and Lewis Lane. Also, a safe, new sidewalk and railing have been installed at Tydings Park and a picnic area and space for parking has been completed at David Craig Park. At the pier at Hutchins Park new pilings are being installed and we are currently in the process of placing new benches along Union Avenue. On any given day you will see City Staff out and about working to improve our quality of life. You can be assured that behind the scenes, staff is very attentive to providing a smooth day-to-day operation. Anyone visiting Havre de Grace quickly recognizes that employees and citizens alike take great pride in the community.

In closing, just as we know the Fall and Winter months are guaranteed, my commitment to you as Mayor is also guaranteed. We strive to make our city a wonderful place to live and visit and we will continue that promise to each and every one of you.

Have a safe winter and a blessed New Year! Get ready for a very exciting Spring season as we commemorate our city's involvement in the War of 1812! Please check the tourism website at www.hdg tourism.com for updates. We look forward to seeing you around our City!

P.S. I encourage all citizens to review our website:

www.havredegracemd.gov

Current information is posted on a regular basis. You can pay your water/sewer bills on-line and access your tax bills.

Take a look! You'll find many of your questions readily answered at the click of a button.



Best regards,

Wayne H. Dougherty

Mayor, City of Havre de Grace
wayned@havredegracemd.gov



Trick or Treat

Wednesday, Oct. 31
6:00-8:00 pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month
City Council Meetings

Nov. 4th - Fall Back
It's Standard Time again!

Nov. 6th - Election Day



WAYNE H. DOUGHERTY

Mayor— re-elected May 2011

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Serves as liaison to: HdG Chamber of Commerce,
HdG Museum Alliance, HdG Main Street, Inc.



The Havre de Grace City Council

Committee and Commission Assignments



Randolph E. Craig

Council President

- May 2011

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Administrative Committee Chair

Budget & Finance Committee, Public Works Committee

Council Liaison to: Arts Commission, RAD Loan App.
Review , HdG Rec Council, Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee



John Corrieri

- May 2011

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Budget & Finance Committee Chair,

Planning Committee, Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to: Tourism Advisory Board
Water & Sewer Commission



Barbara Wagner

- May 2011

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Planning Committee Chair

Public Works Committee, Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to: Marina Commission, Municipal Tree
Commission, Planning Commission,



William T. Martin

- May 2012 Re-elected

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Parks & Harbor Committee Chair

Administrative Committee, Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to: War of 1812 Bi-Centennial,
Museums, Appearance & Preservation Commission
(Historic), Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee



David Glenn

- May 2012

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Public Safety Committee Chair

Administrative Committee, Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to: Street & Safety Advisory Board,
War of 1812 Bi-Centennial, Board of Education,
Harford Co. Council, Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee



Joseph Smith

- May 2012

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Public Works Committee Chair

Budget & Finance Committee, Planning Committee

Council Liaison to: Economic Development Board,
Water & Sewer Commission, War of 1812 Bi-Centennial,
Greenways

Department of Economic Development

Meghan M. Simmons, Manager 410-939-1800 x 1119



We chase after available Grant dollars everyday!

New Designation Opens City to Continued Grant Funding

The City of Havre de Grace recently received Sustainable Community Designation. This designation opens the City to continued funding and incentives through the State of Maryland.

As part of the application process, the City of Havre de Grace developed a Strategic Plan, or road map, that outlines how we plan to stay economically competitive, support our existing community, promote affordable housing and transportation choices and revitalize our community.

The City of Havre de Grace is proactive in seeking grant money where ever we can find it! This designation makes certain, that the City will continue to tap into revitalization dollars.

To read the City Sustainable Community Plan, please go to www.havredegrecemd.com/business



Facade Improvement Program



Sidewalk Retrofit Program



Community Legacy Program

Putting Grant Dollars to Work!

The City currently has **\$500,000** of grant funding designated toward making Havre de Grace a more beautiful and business friendly community.

Project examples include: The Façade Improvement Program, Improvements to the North Park Trail, Public Art Plan, and MD 155 Gateway Improvements.

Please welcome these New Businesses to Havre de Grace !

The Pink Hanger - 450 Franklin St.
Boutique Consignment Shop

Les Petits Bisous - 100 N. Washington St.
French Confectionary Boutique

Glyph - 101-B N. Washington St.
Art + Design Studio

Kairi Lele - 109 N. Washington St.
Caribbean Cuisine

Ballmore Sports Memorabilia -
452 Franklin St.

2012 International Council of SHOPPING CENTERS



For the first time ever - the City of Havre de Grace was represented at this national convention! By attending we were able to:

- Increase awareness of our City's retail and development opportunities
- Strengthen our relationships with the retail and real estate markets
- Develop new relationships with regional developers, investors, commercial real estate brokers, and retailers

While all sectors of the city were marketed, **our focus for National Retail is the Rt. 40 corridor.** Our attendance at this convention helped spread the awareness of our city's re-development potential.

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Department of Public WORKS

Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107

VISIT the Web
Go to:

City Functions



Click on:
Public Works



Click on:
Department
Administration &
Updates

You will find:

-current info. about
city projects

- tips for dealing
with seasonal
issues,

-who to contact
with questions
about water/sewer
distribution and
maintenance, HdG
Marina, parks, con-
struction projects,
and facilities.

Click on:
Streets- Reporting
Problems

You will find info
on reporting:

- pot holes, light
poles, trees limbs,
deceased animals,
etc...

Click on:
Water/Sewer

You will find info on
water treatment,
compost, etc...

Hydrant Flushing Program Scheduled



Beginning October 19th, the City will once again flush hydrants throughout the area. **This process takes approximately 60 days.**

Flushing hydrants is necessary to remove accumulated sediments, such as iron.

During the hydrant flushing process you may experience **discolored water**. **This does not pose any health hazard.** Simply run the cold water from your faucets for a few minutes or until the water runs clear. Also, avoid washing clothes until your water runs clear.

A Word About ~

Water Leaks



How do I know there's a leak?

Apart from the visible signs, such as water bubbling out of the ground or a very damp patch in your yard on a dry day, there are other ways of checking whether there is a leak.

Toilet leaks are the most common.

- Pour coffee or color the water in the tank of your toilet. Do not flush.
- Within 5-10 minutes, look in the bowl and if the water is discolored, then you have a leak in your toilet.

Faucets are another common leak.

- Make sure the knobs on the faucet are turned off. If it continues to drip, you have a leak. Depending on where the leak is, you may also notice a slight hissing noise, particularly at night time when it is quiet.

Checking for Water Leaks

As part of your water service, our computer program calculates the possibility of a leak. We notify you immediately if the computer indicates a problem. There is No Charge for this service.

If you request us to check for a leak, regulations require us to charge you \$25.00 for this service.

A steady leak from a hole this size, would waste water in the amount shown.

Hole Size	Gallons per Day (average)	Gallons per Month
1/4"	13,122	393,660
3/16"	7,244	217,320
1/8"	3,288	98,640
1/16"	822	24,660

Department of Finance ~ Makes Cents!

George M. DeHority, Director 410-939-1800 x 1105

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Real Estate Tax Bills are Now On-Line!

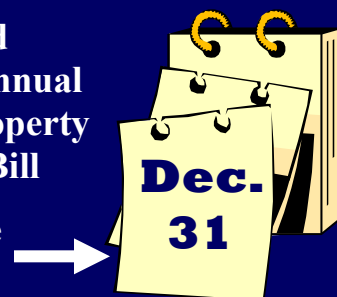
You can access your Real Estate Tax Bills *at any time* from the City's web page. This access will allow you to see the due dates and to plan your budget accordingly.

Access is easy:

1. Go to the Website: www.havredegracemd.gov
2. Click on: **City Functions**
3. Click on: **Finance**
4. Click on: **Tax Bills** (it takes a few moments to open this pdf file.)
5. Once the page opens, **type your last name** into the box at the top that reads: find

2nd
Semi-Annual
Real Property
Tax Bill

Due Date



City Website Offers
On-Line Bill Payment!



- Water & Sewer Bill
- Property Tax

Relief and Assistance for Citizens in Need

Harford Community Action Agency, Inc. (Local Assistance Agency for Home Energy Programs)
Call: 410-612-9909

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) provides a once-a-year grant to low-income households to help with winter heating bills.

Local Food Pantries for Emergency Food Resources

- FISH (Aberdeen, **Havre de Grace**, Edgewood & Bel Air areas) 410-838-1424
- Salvation Army (**Havre de Grace**) 410-939-3535
- Kitchen Door - St. Patrick's Church (**Havre de Grace**) 410-939-2525
- Grace Place - St. John's Episcopal Church (**Havre de Grace**) 410-939-2107

The **COST per ton** to Dump Trash
Increases each year!
The more we Recycle, the less we pay
for trash to be dumped.

How do you think we,
as a community, are doing?



	TRASH	RECYCLES
May	297 tons	63 tons
June	267 tons	36 tons
July	268 tons	40 tons
August	278 tons	53 tons

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Havre de Grace Police

Teresa G. Walter, Chief 410-939-2121



*Public Safety Club members along with Officer Dan Petz
say THANKS to the Elks Lodge # 1564*

HdG ELKS Support Local Teens!

On September 20, 2012, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1564 Havre de Grace, MD presented members of **Havre de Grace High School's Public Safety Club** with a special monetary award. Along with HdG Police Department leadership, the students were invited to a dinner where they were awarded a **Community Service Grant of \$1,988.37.**

The HdG Public Safety Club plans to use the grant money to outfit members with uniforms, produce an educational video, and for further trainings and certifications for the teens.

The Public Safety Club is open to all students at Havre de Grace High School. If you would like more information about the club, please contact Officer Dan Petz at Danielp@havredegracemd.com or (410) 939-2121.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season should be a joyous time ~ but it is also a time to be extra careful! **Keep safe by following these simple tips:**

At Home:

- Don't display presents where they can be seen from a door or window.
- Remember to turn off lights on the Christmas tree when you leave the house. Blow out any candles, too.
- If out of town, stop mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Place a light on a timer, this will give the appearance of someone being home.
- Have a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your residence.

When Shopping:

- Stay alert! Be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk in well-lit areas; populated areas; avoid cut-through paths.
- Try to park in busy, well-lit areas and avoid parking beside large vehicles.
- Lock your car doors, and place all valuables in the trunk or under the seats.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash, pay with a check or credit cards.
- Keep your purse closed and close to your body and/or carry your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.



Visit us on the Web at: www.havredegracemd.gov

The Home Page offers **Hot Topics**. Also you will find the following **buttons** which offer a brief description of contents. Many of your questions answered at the click of a button!

ABOUT HAVRE DE GRACE	CITIZEN SERVICES	GOVERNMENT INFO	CITY FUNCTIONS	REQUEST FOR BIDS	CITY CALENDAR	PERMITS & APPLICATIONS	BUSINESS INCENTIVES
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Department of Planning & Zoning

W. Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x 1122

LANDLORDS... ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Please be advised that effective Sept. 11, 2012 the **Rental Registration Ordinance #853, City Code Chapter 147** is hereby reinstated.

Notification will be delivered as follows:

- posted on the City Web Site as a general notice to the public;
- a general written notice will be mailed to property owners that hold rental properties as listed on current City records;
- posted on the bulletin board at City Hall entrance; and,
- notice placed in local newspaper for 3 publications.

For more information,
please contact
410-939-1800
x-1123.

Violation fines have been deferred through January 1, 2013 to allow adequate notice to the public.

A Reminder About Snow

Per City Code, Chapter 190-42

Do not shovel snow into the roadway once it has been plowed.
Also, property owners are required to **clear sidewalks** that front public walkways within 24 hours of the snow event.



A Reminder About Leaves from Dept. of Public Works

Leaves are Yard Waste

*Please prepare for
removal by bagging or
packing loosely in cans
for Friday collections.*

City Code, Chapter 162-5: It shall be unlawful to cast, place, sweep or deposit any refuse, **including leaves**, in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway or other public place or into any premises.

FALL FEST
2012

Fall into Holiday Events

Candlelight
Tour

First Fridays

Halloween Parade

Christmas Parade

Nativity Scene Challenge

Annual Open House
of HdG Churches

Light up the Night
Tree Lighting

For the **2012 Calendar of Events**,
Visit us on the Web at www.hdgtourism.com
Call us at 410-939-2100, or
Stop by the **Visitor Center**,
450 Pennington Ave., HdG, MD 21078
Tourism Manager, Brigitte Peters

Steppingstone
and
Lock House
Museums'
Christmas
Open House



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Guide Inside*

Helpful Contacts

Contact	Phone
City Hall of Havre de Grace	410-939-1800
Police Department- HdG	410-939-2121
Hospital - Harford Memorial	443-843-5000
U.S. Post Office	410-939-2335
Water Plant	410-939-1070
Wastewater Plant	410-939-1220
HdG Elementary School	410-939-6616
HdG Middle School	410-939-6608
HdG High School	410-939-6600
Meadowvale Elementary	410-939-6622
Parks & Rec - Activity Center	410-939-6724
Chamber of Commerce - HdG	410-939-3303
Miss Utility	800-257-7777
Baltimore Gas & Electric	410-685-0123 or 1-800-685-0123
Comcast Verizon	410-272-7500 1-800-837-4966
Health Dept-Harford Co.	410-838-1500
Pet License - Harford County	410-638-3505
Sheriff's Office-Harford Co.	410-838-6600
Voter Registration	410-638-3565